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## Western Council Meeting Very Well Attended



Converging on Boulder, Colorado, for the April 25–26, 1977, meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, were documents librarians from as far distant as Oregon and Rhode Island.

Particularly at home in the Western setting was GPO's Superintendent of Documents, Carl A. LaBarre, a Montana native. Accompanying him was the Public Printer, Thomas F. McCormick.

Updating Council members on GPO microform progress was LSDS Director, Jim Livsey, who stated that projected distribution of non-GPO material on microfiche is targeted for the summer of 1977.

With him was Library Division Administrator, Norman N. Barbee, who told of progress with the new **Monthly Catalog**, which will have as separate pieces a serials listing, a six-month index, and a twelve-month cumulative index. Depository Library Inspector, Helen Holt, spoke on interpreting the "Draft Instructions to Depository Libraries."

One of the many high points of the meeting was the receipt by the Council from the Committee handling "Standards & Guidelines" of a draft reflecting changes requested at the previous meeting. Council authorized that this text be circulated in the near future among depository librarians for any additional comments.

Council took a favorable stand on the move underway in Congress to make all accredited law libraries eligible for depository status. They insisted, however, that the public access feature of the present system be retained, and that present discard procedures be followed. They also urged that law libraries now holding Congressional designations come under the new legislation, and relinquish their former designations for possible use by other libraries in the district.

Council announced its intention to prepare a detailed report on all facets of the meeting for distribution to depository libraries.

The dates of October 16–18, 1977, were chosen for the next Council meeting to be held in the greater Washington, D.C., area.

## Don't Forget To Use Those Yellow Pages!

The Oklahoma Department of Libraries takes full advantage of the telephone directory as a means of publicizing its regional depository status. By way of example for other depositories which might like to emulate, we provide the text used (thanks to regional documents librarian Maryellen Trautman).

The first listing is the regular one in the white pages under the heading:

OKLAHOMA—STATE OF—  
LIBRARIES—DEPARTMENT OF  
200 NE 18—521-2502  
Regional Depository—  
U.S. Government Documents  
200 NE 18—521-2502

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**Government—United States—**  
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**DEPOSITORY—UNITED STATES**  
**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—**  
**SEE OKLAHOMA STATE OF**  
**LIBRARIES DEPT. OF**  
**REGIONAL DEPOSITORY**  
**UNITED STATES**  
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The final listing is in the yellow pages under the heading in bold type:

**Libraries—Institutional**  
Oklahoma State Of  
Libraries-Dept Of  
Government Printing Office  
Superintendent Of Documents  
Regional Depository-U.S.  
Government Documents  
200 NE 18—521-2502





## Special Needs

If your depository library has some special needs of a general or specific nature, let us know. Below are some recent requests. If you can offer discards, write the requesting depository a letter (sending a copy to your regional). The library accepting the material agrees to pay any postage and packing costs that may be necessary.

Monthly Catalog, 1954, all; 1955, all; 1956, July.

Statutes at Large, vols. 1-17; 18, pts. 1, 2; 72, pt. 2; 79; 80, pt. 2.

Mr. Louis R. Coatney  
Documents Librarian  
State of Alaska  
Department of Education  
Division of State Libraries and Museums  
Library, Pouch G  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Customs Bulletin, vol. 9

Federal Home Loan Bank Board Journal, FHL 1.27:8/8.

Resources in Education, 1976, May, June.

Ms. Patricia A. Hammond  
Head, Government Documents Depository  
Georgetown University Library  
37th and O Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20057

Congressional Record, vol. 94, pt. 2.

Mrs. Louise W. Lemmons  
Porter Library  
Pittsburg State University  
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762

U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee, Economic Report of the President, 1970, pts. 1-3; 1971, pts. 1-3; 1972, pts. 1-5.

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## Questions And Answers

**Q. Jeannette Cook, Documents Library Assistant with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, inquires:** "A list of publications which were sent on automatic distribution as of July 1, 1975, was published in **PUBLIC DOCUMENTS HIGHLIGHTS, Number 11. However, it seems to have changed much since that time. In order to enable documents personnel to properly claim automatic distribution publications, could an updated list be issued?"**

**A.** As you no doubt recall, we are reducing the items on automatic distribution. At the present time, the list is as follows:

Average Monthly Weather Outlook (semimonthly) - Item 275-F - C 55.109:

Business Service Check List (bi-weekly) - Item 127 - C 1.24:

Calendar of Business (Senate-daily) - Item 998-B - Y 1.3/3:

Calendars of the U.S. House of Representatives and History of Legislation (weekly) - Item 998-A - Y 1.2/2:

Commerce America (biweekly) - Item 127-A - C 1.58/2:

Commerce Business Daily (daily) - Item 231-G-3 - C 57.20:

Congressional Record (daily) - Item 994 - X/a:

Daily Statement of the U.S. Treasury (daily) - Item 923-A-2 - T 1.5:

Daily Weather Maps, Weekly Series (weekly) - Item 273-D-4 - C 55.213:

Federal Register (daily) - Item 573 - GS 4.107:

Federal Register Index (monthly) - Item 573 - GS 4.107: (v.no./ind.)

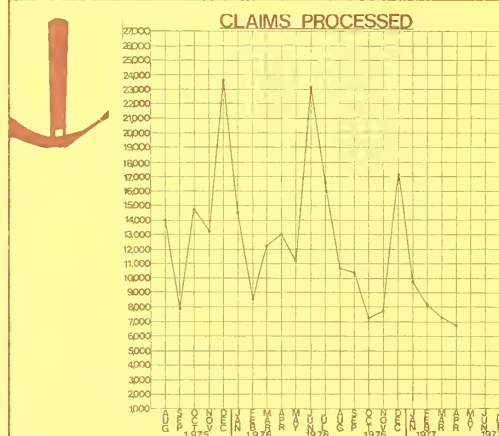
HUD Newsletter (weekly) - Item 582-L - HH 1.15/4:

Internal Revenue Bulletin (weekly) - Item 957 - T 22.23:

Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Patents (weekly) - Item 260 - C 21.5:

SEC Docket (weekly) - Item 998-B - Y 1.3/3:

Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (weekly) - Item 577-A - GS 4.114:



**Claims Reduced!** From a high of August 1975, the number of claims made by depository librarians has been brought to a record low as of April 1977. Claims processed at their highest point were 23,000+ and have now been reduced to a low of 6,000+. With continued projected improvements in distribution procedures, 1977-78 will see claim drop even further. Ever better service is the goal of GPO!

## Documents Are Coming Out Of The Closet!



[At an April documents workshop, the following remarks were made by the Dean of Libraries of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. George R. Parks. The Editor of **Highlights** thought you might enjoy them.]

You know, it used to be that documents people knew their place—in the basement, in the attic, the back-room. Now look what's happening! Why, I've even seen some of those subversive buttons that say: "Documents to the People!"

Something has been happening in the 17 or so years since I first became aware that such things as Government documents existed. The first documents collection I knew was hidden away in the closed stacks. The documents catalog, even shelf list, was tucked away in a half-hidden room presided over by a little old lady from whom the public was carefully kept. Only a couple of the old library hands even tried to get documents and people together. To me and many of my peers, documents librarianship was considered more dismal and impenetrable than the Amazonian hinterland, and, if the truth were told, more frightening. Library schools did nothing to dispel this image; rather, the difficulties of finding your way through the Serial Set were emphasized; and the whole matter was presented as one of those necessary evils of the profession. Oh, you did have to know something about documents; but knowing too much about them was sure to cause hardening of the arteries and softening of the brain.

The Superintendent of Documents classification was considered nothing short of an alpha-numeric form of glossolalia (or would have been if the term had been better known in

those days), so that even if you did find a citation to a document and you had the courage to pursue it, you felt that you needed an interpreter.

What a disservice we were doing the people! The wealth of information we kept buried in the depths, the barriers we erected between the user and that wealth! I wonder if the documents user felt that he was risking the "Mummy's curse" by breaking through into the treasure trove?

Well, things have changed; and this gathering symbolizes that change. Documents librarianship is an active profession. Documents collections are out where they can be seen and used—admittedly, they are still not the easiest of materials to access—but the material is no longer hidden and the process is no longer "mumbo-jumbo" in a dark recess of the library. Even the librarians servicing documents have changed: no longer votaries reluctantly breaking vows of silence to

serve the wandering Pilgrim, but exited, outgoing, P-R conscious informaniacs!

You've come a long way, Baby, but there's still a long way to go. The distribution and indexing of many classes of documents is still inadequate; there are still too few librarians who know documents well; there are still too many libraries where documents are hidden away; and, worst of all, the ratio of document users to document resources is still woefully low; and many of those most unaware of the resources are those who most need the information.

We hope that this program, and others like it, will encourage further improvement in all those areas.

Let me address one final word to any of you who may be administrators—who have to deal with the new breed of document librarians—give 'em an inch and they'll take a stack level and half the reference department! And it just may be worth the investment!

### Anyone For Census?



Many depository libraries have difficulty hanging on to their census materials, especially block statistics, maps of census tracts, as well as local and state census information generally. This material is heavily used and sometimes stolen. The Kansas City Public Library recently told a visiting Inspector they were rebinding their 1970 census material for the third time!

As it happens, two little-known services of the Bureau of the Census address directly the problem of missing material. They will provide photocopies at very reasonable cost.

But first it is necessary to precisely identify the material and to get a quote on the cost. Second it is necessary to send a check in advance made out to: "Commerce-Census."

For maps of census tracts contact: Data User Services Division  
Bureau of the Census  
Washington, D.C. 20233  
PHONE: (301)-763-5511

For text of block statistics and census tracts contact:

Bureau of the Census Library  
Federal Building Number 3  
Room 2442  
Washington, D.C. 20233  
PHONE: (301)-763-2400



## Specific needs

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Mr. Edward P. Wass  
Librarian, Documents Section  
University of Rochester Library  
River Campus Station  
Rochester, New York 14627

Environmental Health Perspectives,  
1973, June.

Federal Reserve Bulletin, 1974,  
August.

Library of Congress, Monthly Check-  
list of State Publications, 1975,  
May.

Problems of Communism, 1974,  
Sept./Oct.

Survey of Current Business, 1975,  
Jan., Feb., Nov.

Mrs. Mary E. Kling  
Documents Librarian  
Reed College Library  
Portland, Oregon 97202

Cumulated Index Medicus, vols. 13,  
pts. 1-4; 15, pts. 1-4; 16, pts. 1-4.

Mrs. Mary A. Duffy  
Documents Librarian  
Francis Harvey Green Library  
West Chester State College  
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Commerce America, vol. 1.

Commerce Today, vols. 1-5.

Mental Retardation Abstracts,  
vols. 10, nos. 1, 3; 11, nos. 1, 2.

Mrs. Bang Kim  
Documents Librarian  
Lincoln Memorial Library  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, South Dakota 57006

Congressional Record, vol. 93,  
pt. 14.

Mr. Daniel F. Harrison  
Documents Division  
Texas A & M University Library  
College Station, Texas 77843

Geological material of all kinds.

Monthly Catalog, all pre-1936,  
1938, 1939, 1954-60; 1961, Jan.,  
Aug.-Dec.; 1964, Jan., Feb., Dec.;  
1965, Jan.-April, June.

Ms. Jo W. Wilbert  
Documents Librarian  
Natrona County Public Library  
307 East Second Street  
Casper, Wyoming 82601

### Specific offers

Statutes at Large, vols. 62, pt. 1;  
63, pt. 1; 64, pt. 1; 65; 66; 69; 83.

Mr. Louis R. Coatney  
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Department of Education  
Division of State Libraries and  
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Mr. Bruce Brigell  
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P. O. Box C-902  
New Bedford, Massachusetts  
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Congressional Record, 1915-55  
(some vols. missing).

Serial Set, 1915-55 (some vols.  
missing).

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Readers Services Librarian  
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Athens, West Virginia 24712

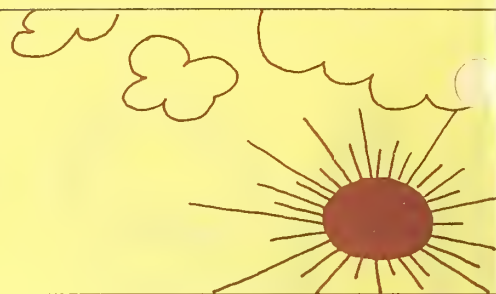
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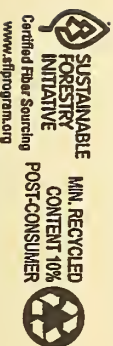




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